Seminar on "Sanitation and Pollution"

4732. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Health Ministry participated in a recent Seminar on "Sanitation and Pollution Control";

(b) if so, what were the issues raised;

(c) whether any recommendations have been made to Government by the participants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government constituted the High Power Group in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to formulate a comprehensive National Programme on Sanitation and Environmental Hygiene on the lines of a Technology Mission. A workshop in which eminent experts participated was also conducted for this purpose. The Group is yet to submit its report.

Setting up of Separate Wings in Government Hospitals for Treatment of AIDS

4733. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals to set up separate wings in Government hospitals for the treatment of certified AIDS patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government hospitals have been selected in different states for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the names of cities where such hospitals have been selected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance for Improvement and Modernisation of Hospitals

4734. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create an agency for rendering financial assistance to hospitals for their improvement and modernisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how does Government propose to ensure that the finances are made available for the improvement and modernisation of hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to provide the finances to the hospitals for their improvement and modernisation keeping in view their priorities and overall availability of resources. However, proposals from certain States for upgradations have been posed to the World Bank.

Implementation of Rural Family Welfare Services in the Country

4735. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored some rural family welfare services in the country;

(b) if so, what are those rural family welfare services;

(c) the names of the States where those rural family welfare services are being implemented;

(d) whether any such service is being implemented in the rural areas in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These centres provide Maternal and Child Health Services, distribution of conventional contraceptives immunization, motivation for family planning, ante-natal and post-natal services, sterilization training of para-medical staff etc.

(c) to (e) All states including the State of Orissa are providing rural Family Welfare Services.

Deaths due to T.B. in the Country

4736. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate about the number of people who die every year in the country due to T.B.;

(b) if so, the State and Union Territory-wsie details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide the T.B. patients proper treatment and to save them from untimely death; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) State and Union Territory-wise data, compiled on the basis of monthly Health Conditions Reports sent by the directorates of Health Services is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The following steps have been taken to provide proper treatment to T.B. patients:—

(i) Central Government is implementing National Tuberculosis Control Programme through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50:50 sharing basis between the Centre and the State. Union Territories and voluntary organisations are provided 100% Central assistance.

(ii) District Tuberculosis Programme has been implemented in 391 districts and is integrated with the Primary Health Care Infrastructure.

(iii) Short Course Chemotherapy has been provided in 253 district.

(iv) Anti-TB drugs are provided free of cost through the District Tuberculosis Centres, Peripheral Health Institutions and T.B. clinics.